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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Sir:

By Official Action mailed *January 28, 2004*, restriction to one of the following species of the claimed invention is required:

Species I:

Figures 2A and 2B

Species II:

Figure 3

In response, Applicants hereby elect Species I (FIGs. 2A-2B), upon which claims 1-17 are readable.

Contrary to the Examiner's position, at least claim 1 is generic because claim 1 is clearly readable on both Species I and II.

The election is made <u>with traverse</u> because the Examiner fails to demonstrate why the Species I and II are considered to be patentably distinct.

It also appears that the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden because the Examiner fails to demonstrate otherwise.

In view of the above, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement and consideration of all claims pending in the instant application are believed appropriate. Early examination on the merits is courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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